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1. The Designing, Construction and Assembly Office for Coal Processing (Projektierungs-Konstruktions- und Montagebauern fuer Kohleverarbeitung) (PKM) is a VEB of the East German coal industry. The main office of PKM is in Leipzig 51, Dietrichring 13-20a. The PKM office in Berlin (formerly KI and henceforth referred to as PKM KI) is only a "part plant" (Teilbetrieb); the same holds true for the pertinent department of VEB Gaselec (formerly Firma Jul. Pintsch). In addition, the various East German ministries have established their own designing offices. Thus, for example, KIB-Leuna, which corresponds to the former Biers Erleichen unde, does work for the East German chemical industry. For the corresponding branch of the construction industry there is the "Industriewurf" Bau-VEB. Further PKM's exist as planning offices for the electrical industry.
2. After it was amalgamated with the main PKM office in Leipzig on 1 July 1952, the specific functions of PKM-KI were restricted to those installations of the coal processing industry which do not concern synthetic fuel. The processing of plans concerning fuel plants is supposed to be done only by KI-Leuna. In the course of the distribution of specific functions, KI-Berlin received orders to work only on low-temperature carbonizing installations and coking plants. KI-Berlin is currently engaged in the following projects:
 - a. Construction of a low-temperature carbonizing installation at Regis, which is near Borna in Saxony.
 - b. Construction of a low-temperature carbonizing installation in Kohn, Poland.
 - c. Design of the large coking plant (Grosskokerrei) in Lauchhammer. Work consisted for the most part of checking over plans made by other offices.
3. As far as is known, there is no relationship whatsoever between PKM-KI and the Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik (ZFT). PKM-KI receives its orders from the East German State Planning Commission. No direct control of PKM-KI by the Soviets has been observed thus far. It is believed that any such control would probably be exerted through the Ministry for Heavy Industry.

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4. The following plants deliver machinery and installations to PKM-KI:

Pumps	PKM-Pumpen, Halle/Saale (formerly Firma Weiss Gehne)
Pipe lines	PKM-Rohrleitungsbau, Bitterfeld
Chemical Installations	NAGEMA
Dephenolization	NAGEMA Golzern-Grimma/Saxony

5. In addition to its large project, PKM-KI has various other orders. Work on the hot water heating unit for the equipment plant in Gommern near Magdeburg was carried out with great secrecy. It is alleged that the Gommern plant was to produce equipment for oil drilling. Another project concerning heating installations for casernes was also handled with great secrecy. Planning work for fuel tank depots was carried out with the use of special cover names for the depots which were to be designed

6. As far as can be determined, the new course has had no direct influence on PKM-KI. Planning work has been on the downgrade since the beginning of 1953, and PKM-KI has found it necessary to lay off technical personnel.

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